

MINUTES AND REPORT

OF

MEETING OF COUNCIL

COOPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA

held at 369 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne on Monday, 21st April 1980 commencing 7 p.m.

1. PRESENT

Mr. M. Rundle	President
Mr. A. Dash	
Mr. N. Harvey	
Mr. E. J. Long	
Mr. O. J. Slattery	Executive Officer
Mr. W. W. Rawlinson	

Apologies for absence were received from

Mr. K. D. Currey
Mr. J. N. Black
Mr. B. H. Macintosh

2. QUORUM

The Chairman ruled that as a quorum was not present the meeting would convene as a Committee of the Council with proceedings to be ratified at the next full meeting of the Council.

3. MINUTES

Confirmation of Minutes of the meetings of 18th February, 31st March 1980, was deferred to the next full meeting of Council.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.i Minute 4.iv - Visit of President, U.S.A. National Council of Farmer Cooperatives

Mr. Naden's address to the meeting on 14th March 1980 has been circulated to all members. The ABC Country Hour broadcast three separate segments of the material presented to the Federation meeting on April 9, 10 and 11th.

4.ii Minute 5.iii - Victorian Employment Committee

Letter sent to Minister who has invited a delegation from the Federation to meet him on 23rd April 1980 to discuss the subject. It was agreed the delegation would comprise Messrs. Rundle, Long and Rawlinson.

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4.iii Minute 10 - Cooperatives in Schools

Mr. Rawlinson has been invited to have further discussions with Dr. Chapman, Director of Planning Services, Department of Education on 6th May 1980.

4.iv Minute 12.ii - Trust Funds

Initial contacts made which indicate follow-up activity might be more appropriate from the Cooperative Federation of Australia. Further investigations will be made to enable firm recommendations to be made from this Federation to the C.F.A.

4.v Minute 12.iii - Cooperative Farmers-Graziers Direct Meat Supply

Despite repeated efforts contact so far not made with Mr. Heffernan. The Government guarantee has been extended.

4.vi Minute 12.iv - Cooperative Principles

These have been incorporated in the printed issue of 'Cooperative Information' tabled at the meeting and to be given wide circulation.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The last Annual Report of the Victorian Employment Committee was tabled

6. FINANCIAL

The Executive Officer reported all members subscriptions for the year ending 30th June 1980 have been paid in full.

7. REGIONAL MEETINGS

The meeting agreed that a Regional Meeting be arranged for Mildura for 15th July 1980 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Grand Hotel. The Cooperative Federation of South Australia to be advised.

Planning should also proceed for a Regional Meeting in Shepparton in June 1980.

8. LEGISLATION

The Chairman reported that a letter had been submitted to the Minister requesting the opportunity for the Federation to study the formally drafted amendments to the Cooperation Act before they are introduced into Parliament.

Mr. Long reported having written the Registrar seeking release from the confidentiality restrictions on the draft amendments to the Cooperation Act.

9. REPORTS

9.i

Cooperative Advisory Council

Mr. Long informed the meeting that the Advisory Council met on 10th April. He had ascertained that due to inspectorate staff limitations the Registry currently are unable to undertake regular inspections of Trading and Producer Cooperatives. The meeting agreed that the Trading Cooperatives Association should consider this situation and prepare a formal submission to the Registrar for consideration by Council at its next meeting.

9.ii

Executive Officer

Mr. Rawlinson reported that the Registrar has agreed to supply names, addresses of new Trading-Producer Cooperatives registered to enable the Federation to forward promotional material to them.

A Board meeting of the Edenhope Cooperative scheduled for 15th April to discuss possible liquidation procedures had been deferred by the Board.

Since the last meeting he had visited the

Northern Herd Development Cooperative, Cohuna
Murrabit Advancement Cooperative
Robinvale Producers Cooperative
Mildura Fruit Cooperative

There have been no further developments in the proposed seminar for Directors and Management of Cooperative Hotels.

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Cooperative Federation of Australia

The meeting was advised that a meeting has been arranged between the Presidents of the Cooperative Federation of Australia and the Cooperative Federation of Victoria in the week commencing 12th May 1980.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Dash tabled a consultant's report on the Jubilee Lake Cooperative and advised the VCCA had agreed to proceed subject to firm indications of a sufficient level of funds being obtained by 31st May 1980.

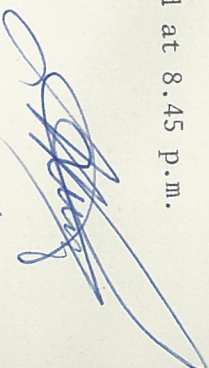
11. NEXT MEETING

The President expressed concern at the failure of the past two scheduled Council meetings to raise a quorum and also of the May school holiday period covering the date of the normal May meeting.

The next meeting was fixed to coincide with the Planning Workshop scheduled for 8th June 1980. The Chairman undertook to write a personal letter to each Councillor urging attendance at that meeting.

12. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.


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